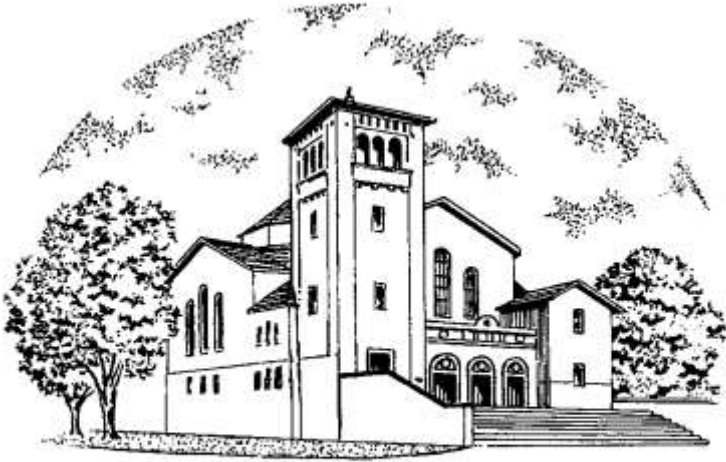


# Cochrane Street United Church

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**June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

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***THIS WEEK'S BULLETIN IS DEDICATED:**  
in celebration of Tristan and the choir. "You lift up my heart".  
From Heather McMaster*

## **GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

\*please stand as you are able

\*\*bold is in unison

## **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

We respectfully acknowledge the territory in which we gather as the ancestral homelands of the Beothuk, and the island of Newfoundland as the ancestral homelands of the Mi'kmaq and Beothuk. We would also like to recognize the Inuit of Nunatsiavut and NunatuKavut and the Innu of Nitassinan, and their ancestors, as the original people of Labrador. We strive for respectful relationships with all the peoples of this province as we search for collective healing and true reconciliation and honour this beautiful land together.

**PRELUDE:** Beautiful City, *by Stephen Schwartz*

## **\*WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **\*INTROIT MV #8: And On This Path (vs. 1)**

And on this path, the gates of holiness are open wide, 3X  
Open wide! Open wide! Open wide!  
The gates are open wide!

## **LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLE AND PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The light of Christ is with us.

**Here in this place.**

In Christ, although we are many,

**We are one.**

Let our hospitality toward each other reflect God's love.

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

## **REFLECTIVE MUSIC MV # 18: Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary**

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,  
pure and holy tried and true; with thanksgiving,  
I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

We are one in the loving Spirit of Christ;  
we are one in the love of our Creator.

**But we come this day with differing backgrounds, different life experiences, different gifts, and a wide variety of needs.**

Yet together in Christ we know a oneness that reflects God's love through each and every one of us.

**We come with a oneness that calls us to share a joy about the Christian life with all of us who are gathered here.**

Then let our lives proclaim the oneness of Christ as we share in each other's journey.

**Touch us with your blessing and grant us a loving sense of peace and trust as we worship in the spirit of unity.**

**\*PRAYER OF APPROACH:**

Gracious God, you have called us together to worship you in humility. You have called us to worship you just as we are, with our inner beings laid bare. We cannot pretend to be what we are not, for you have made us and you know us through and through. We come as a praying people bringing our needs and our joys. We come as a listening people, opening ourselves up to you and to each other. Fill us with the transforming power of your love. Unclench our hands so that we may reach out to each other with a hand of service and a healing touch. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

**\*HYMN:           Come Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love           # 574 VU**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

Lord of constant Love and infinite Patience, we have come today from times of stress and difficulties. We bring our pain and our fears, and we seek your healing mercies. We confess that we have not lived as we should have. We have let the demands of life crowd you out of our thoughts and actions. But we come now, seeking your forgiveness. Turn our lives around, Lord, and lead us in the paths you would have us go. In Christ we pray. Amen.

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE:**

The God who challenges us is also the God who encourages us.  
The God who confronts us is also the God who accepts us.

Be assured that God is with us here and now,  
accepting, guiding, and forgiving us.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\*HYMN: It Only Takes a Spark**

**# 289 VU**

## **LEARNING TIME**

### **OFFERING INVITATION & VOLUNTARY**

#### **\*OFFERTORY HYMN MV # 182 (refrain)**

Grateful for the life you give us,  
Thankful for your holy son  
Joyful in your spirit flowing,  
Overall, O God of love.

Grateful for the Bread of Heaven  
Thankful for your Holy Word,  
Joyful in your mercy flowing,  
We will praise you.

#### **\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**We bring our gifts to you, O God. Here is the work of our hands, the fruits of our labors, and the love of our hearts. Accept them and use them in your service. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY**

#### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:**

**Holy God, prepare our souls to hear your Word. Silence in us any voices but yours. In hearing, may your voice implant your Word into our hearts. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

#### **1<sup>st</sup> SCRIPTURE READING**

**Mark 12: 28-34**

The Word of the Lord – **Thanks be to God.**

#### **RESPONSIVE PSALM 119:**

**VU # 839 (Part 3, Refrain 3)**

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> SCRIPTURE READING**

**Acts 4, 9, 11, & 15**

**1 Thessalonians 5:11**

The Word of the Lord – **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON: Be Barnabas People: Brothers and Sisters of Encouragement**

**\*HYMN: We Are Pilgrims on a Journey**

**# 595 VU**

**ANTHEM: Comfort the People, by Roger Summers**

### **GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (VU # 921)**

**\*HYMN: How Firm A Foundation**

**# 660 VU**

## **PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE**

Holy God, Dreamer of dreams,

We offer Cochrane Street United Church to you. We are your people; this is your church. We come to you seeking your guidance, your purpose, your vision. Align our will with yours, so that we will be willing to do whatever it takes to carry out your plan. We ask you to break through in new ways in our church. Show us the great ministry you have in store for us. Help us dream your dreams. Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, giving us the vision, boldness, and confidence to do all that you call us to do. Amen.

## **COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION**

Let us go in peace to love and care for one another in the name of Christ Jesus. Let us remember that life is short, and we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So be swift to love, quick to forgive and always be kind.

### **\*CHORAL BENEDICTION VU # 884: You Shall Go Out with Joy**

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;  
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;  
there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field  
will clap, will clap their hands!

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands, (clap, clap)  
the trees of the field will clap their hands, (clap, clap)  
the trees of the field will clap their hands (clap, clap)  
while you go out with joy.

### **POSTLUDE: O God Beyond All Praising, by Mark Hayes**

*Please take your bulletins with you when you leave the pew.*

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

JUN 11 CSUC – Rev. Peggy Johnson

JUN 17 Annual Summer Plant Sale  
10:30am – 1pm, 81 Cochrane St Patio

JUN 18 CSUC – Bert Riggs  
*Father's Day*

JUN 25 TBD

JUL 2 Cowan Heights UC – Rev. Oliver  
CSUC invited to Cowan Heights  
with Islington United Church Choir

## **2023 MEMORIAL SERVICES**

The dates for this year's Memorial Services are as follows:

Monday, July 3      7:00PM   Mt. Pleasant Cemetery (Hamilton Avenue Extension)  
Monday, July 17    7:00PM   General Protestant Cemetery (Topsail Road)  
Monday, July 31    7:00PM   Memorial Gardens Cemetery (25 Beaumont Hamel Way)

*PLEASE NOTE: In the event of inclement weather,  
the services will move ahead to 7:00PM the next evening.*

**NO SCENTS MAKES GOOD SENSE!** A friendly reminder that members of our congregation are sensitive to scented products. Thank you for helping create a safe environment in which we can all fully participate.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** If you wish to add an announcement, please have it into the office by Thursday at noon.

**PASTORAL COVERAGE FOR CSUC:** Rev. Peggy Johnson is covering all pastoral emergencies and funerals. She can be reached at (709) 685-9223 or by email at: [peggyjoanjohnson@hotmail.com](mailto:peggyjoanjohnson@hotmail.com). If Rev. Peggy is not available, please contact Paula Reynolds [pt2reynolds@gmail.com](mailto:pt2reynolds@gmail.com).

**Worship service will be held in the community hall:** We are continuing to worship in the community hall until all repairs are completed. Please use the Bannerman Street door. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

**BROADVIEW MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS** are now up for renewal. If you would like to renew your subscription or receive a yearly subscription for the first time, please contact Paula Reynolds at (709) 325 2106 or see me in church on or before June 11, 2023. Yearly subscriptions are \$25.00. You can pay me in cash or by cheque. Please make cheque payable to "Broadview".

**NOTICE OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** A congregational meeting will be held in person on **Sunday, June 18, 2023**, after the Sunday worship service and fellowship time. Sandwiches will be provided during fellowship time. The recommendations from the MAP engagement team will be presented to the congregation regarding the future direction of the congregation. This is an important meeting and all members of the congregation are asked to attend.

**Next Meeting of Church Council** is scheduled for Tuesday, June 20, 2023 via ZOOM. If anyone has a matter they wish to bring to the attention of Council, please contact Stephen Jewczyk Past Council Chair at [sjewczyk@gmail.com](mailto:sjewczyk@gmail.com).

## BRIDGES TO HOPE ITEM OF THE MONTH:

For the month of June, we are suggesting **personal care items** – shampoo, soap, deodorant, toothpaste, etc. (**preferably non-scented**). All donations of any kind are appreciated. Please be considerate of those with sensitivities to scent, such as congregation members and staff.

We are also in need of reusable bags. If you can help, please drop them off at church on Sunday or at the church office during the week (Tue & Thu 9am-3pm; Fri 9am-3:30pm).

**SPRING FLOWER SALE RESCHEDULED:** Due to the inclement weather, our Spring Flower Sale is now scheduled for **June 17th**. As you begin to set up your garden for the summer, please keep in mind our need for plants for the sale. For affordable plant pots, try using 500 gram yogurt or margarine containers and poke holes in the bottom for drainage. Drop off your indoor and outdoor plants on June 17, from 9:30-10:30am. If you need any plants picked up or have further queries, please contact the church office at (709) 722-3023 or [info@cochranestreetuc.com](mailto:info@cochranestreetuc.com).

**VOLUNTEER REQUEST:** Council has started the updating of the Historical Roll for CSUC. This project is a requirement for all pastoral charges. Linda Bowden, CSUC's archivist, is providing invaluable information and leadership for the project. Volunteers review the list of persons on the Roll and contribute valuable information to Council. Anyone interested in assisting with the project should contact Brian Johnston who is the lead for Council with this project, through the church office at 722-3023 or [info@cochranestreetuc.com](mailto:info@cochranestreetuc.com).

**FDEE – SUMMER WORK:** First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council Office in St. John's is hiring two youth this summer to work in our Office, Bookstore and Archives. We received a Canada Summer Jobs grant from Service Canada as well as funding from the Regional Council Archives. Two positions are available of 8-week duration (Mon-Fri, 8:30am-4pm) starting as early as June 26; ending as late as August 25, 2023. (<https://ucceast.ca/79174-summer-youth-positions-first-dawn-eastern-edge-regional-council-office-3>)

As per the Canada Summer Jobs agreement, the youth must:

- be between 15 and 30 years of age (inclusive) at the start of employment;
- be a Canadian Citizen, permanent resident, or person on whom refugee protection has been conferred under the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act*; and
- be legally entitled to work according to the relevant provincial/territorial legislation and regulations.

\* International students are not eligible. Recent immigrants are eligible if they are Canadian Citizens or permanent residents. We are accepting resumes from youth who are interested in one of these positions. **The deadline for receiving resumes is Friday, June 9, 2023.** Resumes may be forward

**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA FOUNDATION:** Thursday, **June 15, at 12:00 PM EST/ 9:00 AM PST**, **The Foundation** is presenting a one-hour webinar, "[Works in Action: Supporting LGBTIQ2S+ Communities](#)". This webinar will spotlight the remarkable work being done by people in the United Church to support and uplift LGBTIQ2S+ communities. Chaired by The Very Rev. Dr. Gary Paterson (former Moderator of the United Church and an ordained minister for over 40 years), the event will feature a panel of past grant recipients who will share their projects that empower and celebrate Two Spirit and LGBTQIA+ communities in their diversity. **The Foundation** stands with the United Church, opposing discrimination against any person on any basis by which a person is devalued, including sexuality and gender identity. **Registration for this virtual event is free!**

REGISTER HERE: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/the-united-church-of-canada-foundation-fondation-de-legli/events/supporting-lgbtq2s-communities/>

**NOVA SCOTIA WILDFIRE RELIEF:** Wildfires in Nova Scotia and in other parts of Atlantic Canada have caused devastating damage. More than 20,000 hectares have burned, displacing over 25,000 people, and causing significant emotional and physical distress, property damage and natural habitat and wildlife loss. Communities in Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters, Regional Council 15 and beyond need support as they navigate the challenges of evacuation, relocation, and rebuilding. The United Church of Canada Foundation is accepting donations to help support the areas rebuild as the longer-term needs become clear. Your donation to the [Ann Baker Estate Trust for Emergency Relief in Canada](#) will continue to aid and comfort those whose lives have been turned upside down by these devastating fires. The donation page is here: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/90109>.

**NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY (NIPD):** Every year, on June 21st, First Light hosts a series of events and activities that celebrate the rich and diverse histories and contributions of Indigenous people in Canada, as part of NIPD. The day will begin with a Sunrise Ceremony at Cavell Park, followed by refreshments. At 2 PM, the urban Indigenous and broader community are invited to the Techniplex for a family-friendly performance showcase, community feast, and urban powwow or Mawi'omi.

Everyone is invited to join in the events!

Sunrise Ceremony	Cavell Park (40 Quidi Vidi Rd)	6:00am
Family Friendly Festival	Techniplex (39 Churchill Ave)	2:00pm
MAWI'OMI	Techniplex (39 Churchill Ave)	5:30pm–7:30pm